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Dixon School District to remain closed for on-site classes through April 3rd

The Dixon R-1 School District announced Wednesday, March 18, that due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Dixon R-I Schools will remain closed for on-site classes through April 3, 2020. The district will re-evaluate the week of March 30 and tentatively resume on-site classes on April 6. **Distance learning for all Dixon R-I Students will begin Monday, March 23, 2020.**

Please watch for further announcements through the Dixon R-1 App, Text and Website for online instruction responsibilites.

Dixon R-1 Community Memo:

Parent or Guardian,

Objective: It is our goal to continue offering quality educational support and instruction during our term of distance learning. We want to challenge students cognitively and intellectually, but we also recognize that students may have many responsibilities, obligations and stresses they would not have if we were in session. For these reasons, we want to provide instruction and lessons that are short, meaningful, manageable, and that emphasize quality over quantity.

Dixon R-I staff is providing the following:

1. Teachers are posting and distributing lessons one week at a time. We planned to initiate our distance education plan this coming Monday, March 23. We are asking students to begin their first week's lessons at that time.

2. Hard packets or printed resources that are sent home will include samples, examples of proficiency, or solutions to assist your students in completion of work. These same instructional resources will be available digitally. (Printed resources this first week will go out to families who have already requested them. If your student needs printed resources, please contact your child's school.)

3. Teachers will hold virtual office hours to assist students from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. each school day. (Teachers can be reached most easily via digital format such as Remind, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, etc.) Of course, students and parents may call their student's school during that same window of time and ask to speak with teachers. However, teachers are not holding their office hours on campus each day. They will return messages left for them as soon as possible.

4. Assignments sent home to students will be graded. Finished assignments should be turned in digitally. (We encourage pictures to be taken of paper assignments and be uploaded to teachers via the Remind App, or another format provided by your teacher.) Hard copies of work/assignments will NOT be returned to school until further notice. To be clear, all completed work must be submitted digitally for immediate feedback and grades.

5. Additional academic support will be provided by a Homework Hotline that will be offered through Dawg Pound. (Please look for more information on this to be posted on the Dawg Pound Facebook page soon.)

*Pay close attention to text alerts and Facebook updates from your child's school.

Dixon Pilot reducing office hours to lobby

The Dixon Pilot is reducing its office hours to lobby traffic. However, we are working in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call 573-759-2127 if you need assistance. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday as we will be working from home. There is a drop box by the Pilot's front door if you need to leave an item.

Email dixonpilotnews@yahoo.com with a phone number to call you back if you need assistance.

We are continuing to serve your newspaper and printing needs. Just practicing social distancing. We will continue our normal newspaper delivery/mailing on Wednesday mornings.

Dixon Municipal Court for April 14th cancelled

Dixon Municipal Court proceedings for April 14, 2020 is cancelled. Court will be held on May 12, 2020, unless extended by order of the Missouri Supreme Court.

If you received a citation, or have received a Summons/Show Cause with a court date of April 14, your case is rescheduled for May 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns about your case, you may call or email the court. Phone: 573-917-4586, Email: dixcourt@hotmail.com.

Dixon R-1 school events rescheduled

The Dixon R-1 School District is rescheduling the DES Daddy-Daughter Dance and the Harlem Wizards Basketball Game due to mandated COVID-19 safety precautions. The Daddy-Daughter Dance has been tentatively rescheduled for May 2nd, while the Harlem Wizards basketball game with the Dixon Dream Team, set for April 16, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for next school year. Online ticket sales for the Wizards will be refunded soon.

Dixon City Council appoints new City Clerk and interim City Clerk

By Robert C. Baker

A meeting of the Dixon Board of Aldermen was held on March 17, 2020 in Dixon City Hall with two items on the agenda. These items were the appointment of the new City Clerk and a temporary appointment to interim City Clerk. Prior to the meeting Marshal Brankel briefed the council on the teleconference held by Governor Parsons concerning the Coronavirus at 4:30 p.m. that day.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kuehl at 6:20 p.m. and a roll call was conducted by City Collector Lue Mentzer. All aldermen were present except for Alderwoman Shultz. Mayor Kuehl then led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Mr. David Pennington. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Alderman Warnol and seconded by Alderman Campbell and carried on a roll call vote of 5 to 0. Alderwoman Wiles then made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on January 9th and 13th. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Thomas and carried on a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Appointment of City Clerk

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of the new City Clerk after the interviews held on March 12th by the city council. Ms. Glenda Pennington was the candidate selected from those individuals that applied. A motion to appoint Ms. Pennington as the City Clerk was made by Alderman Null and seconded by Alderman Warnol. This motion carried on a roll call vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Pennington was administered the oath of office as City Clerk by Mayor Kuehl.

Appointment of Interim Clerk

Next on the agenda was the appointment of Lue Mentzer, City Collector, as an interim City Clerk for the preparation of payroll for the city employees and city bills. Ms. Mentzer was previously the assistant City Clerk and was experienced in the

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Glenda Pennington, new Dixon City Clerk. Photo submitted

The Phelps Health testing unit is located in the Missouri S&T parking lot directly across from the Phelps Health Emergency Department. Pilot photo by Connie Erisman

Phelps Health Hospital prepares for additional ER needs

Phelps Health's drive-through respiratory screening station, located in the Phelps Health and Missouri University of Science and Technology parking lot off of 10th Street, served more than 100 patients over the weekend. The drive-through screening station is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. These hours will remain the same until further notice.

All patients screened over the weekend were seen for respiratory-type conditions such as the flu, asthma, COPD, chronic bronchitis or strep throat. Patients were diagnosed and received treatment quickly so that they could go home and get better. Phelps Health as of presstime has no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

The purpose of this drive-through respiratory screening station is to triage patients for the Phelps Health Emergency Department, which has been exceeding capacity of patients seeking treatment for respiratory-type conditions. This new service will allow patients to receive a medical screening and will serve as an extension of our Emergency Department.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit phelpshealth.org/covid-19.

Follow these directions for screening:

- From 10th Street, turn down Innovation Drive then turn right into the parking lot.
- Follow the arrows to navigate through the parking lot toward the blue and white tent. There will be people to help guide you.
- When you leave the parking lot, exit left onto 10th Street.

Parson, Ashcroft announce April 7 Municipal Elections POSTPONED until June 2 in response to COVID-19

Jefferson City, Mo. - March 18, 2020 — Pursuant to Governor Mike Parson's Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 and a request from Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Governor Parson today signed Executive Order 20-03 ordering all Missouri municipal elections previously scheduled for April 7, 2020, **to be postponed to June 2, 2020**.

The Executive Order declares that ballots already printed for the April 7 election may be used at the postponed date of June 2. Voters who have attained the age of 18 by April 7 will be allowed to cast a ballot.

"Given the growing concern surrounding COVID-19 and the large number of people elections attract, postponing Missouri's municipal elections is a necessary step to help combat the spread of the virus and protect the health and safety of Missouri voters," Governor Parson said. "Postponing an election is not easy, but we are all in this together. We are thankful to Secretary Ashcroft and our 116 election authorities for their leadership, cooperation, and commitment to doing what is best for their communities during this time."

"I deeply appreciate Governor Parson's quick approval and am thankful to the local election authorities – your county clerks and boards of election – who have worked through developing health concerns to find a unified and secure means of implementing our next election," Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft said. "Missouri has 116 separate election authorities, almost all who are elected in their own right, and we have come together to help protect Missouri voters. These are difficult times, but I am grateful for how we have responded, worked together and come to a resolution that helps every single Missouri voter."

Section 44.100, RSMo, provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule prescribing procedures for conducting

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Town & Country Super Market, Inc. announces special hours at stores

Town & Country Super Market Inc. announced Monday that they wanted to assure their customers that there is plenty of food in our country and they are working with suppliers to maintain product availability at the best levels possibles. This includes their Town & Country Supermarket, Country Mart, Price Chopper, and Apple Market stores.

Here are their most recent updates:

Store Hours

Beginning on Sunday (March 22nd), **all of their stores will close at 8:00 p.m. every night until further notice** so that employees have time to restock shelves and clean and sanitize the store so we are ready to serve customers again the next day. This could be subject to further change as circumstances evolve. They will open at regular times most mornings, however, stores may occasionally open a little later than normal if more time is needed to be ready for business. Signs will be posted on the doors informing customers of that store's hours.

Revised Return Policy

Customers are encouraged to purchase only what you need - and not stockpile or hoard. For the time being and until further notice, they are suspending refunds or exchanges on products purchased during this COVID-19 emergency, unless the reason for the return is that the product does not meet our quality standards.

For further information you can check their website at tcmarkets.com.

Dixon Library to Close temporarily

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, City of Dixon officials have determined that as a safety precaution, the Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library in Lions Park will be closed until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.